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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--NOVEMBER 1991

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in November to a level of 137.8 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in November, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.3 percent in November prior to seasonal adjustment. The November 1991 CPI-W level of 135.8 was 2.7 percent higher than the index in November 1990.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.4 percent in November, following a 0.1 percent increase in October. Food prices, which declined 0.1 percent in October, increased 0.6 percent in November, largely as a result of a sharp upturn in fresh fruit and vegetable prices. Energy costs advanced 0.8 percent in November, following a 0.2 percent rise in October. Increases in the indexes for motor fuel, fuel oil, and natural gas more than offset a decline in charges for electricity. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in November. This follows a 0.1 percent increase in October and compares with an average monthly rate of increase of 0.4 percent through the first 10 months of this year.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Nov. '91	Unadjusted 12 mos. ended Nov. '91
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All items	.3	.2	.2	.2	.4	.1	.4	3.6	3.0
Food and beverages	.0	.5	-.5	-.2	.1	-.1	.4	2.1	2.4
Housing	.2	.1	.3	.0	.5	.3	.2	4.3	3.3
Apparel and upkeep	.5	-.1	.9	1.2	-.4	-.4	1.0	.9	4.2
Transportation	.7	.2	.0	.4	.2	-.2	.5	1.9	-1.5
Medical care	.6	.6	.6	.8	.7	.6	.5	7.1	8.0
Entertainment	.1	.2	.4	.4	.7	.2	-.1	3.5	4.5
Other goods and services	.2	.8	.3	.9	.7	.5	.7	8.1	8.1

During the first 11 months of 1991, the CPI-U increased at a 2.9 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate. This compares with a 6.4 percent annual rate in the first 11 months of 1990. A sharp turnaround in the energy component--down at an 8.4 percent annual rate in the first 11 months of 1991 compared with a 20.2 percent annual rate of increase during the corresponding period in 1990--was primarily responsible for the deceleration. The other 2 groups--food and all items less food and energy--also rose more moderately during the first 11 months of 1991, increasing at annual rates of 1.7 and 4.5 percent, respectively. In 1990, the 11-month rates were 5.6 and 5.3 percent, respectively.

The food and beverages index rose 0.4 percent in November. Grocery store food prices, which declined 0.3 percent in October, advanced 0.8 percent in November, largely as a result of a sharp turnaround in fruit and vegetable prices. The index for fresh fruits and vegetables rose 6.2 percent in November, reflecting supply shortages, in part attributable to whitefly infestations. In particular, prices for lettuce and tomatoes increased 44.5 and 12.7 percent, respectively. Partially offsetting these increases was another sharp drop in prices for oranges, down 17.1 percent in November, after declining 14.4 percent in October. Also contributing to the November grocery store food increase was an upturn in beef prices. Following declines in each of the preceding 5 months, beef and veal prices rose 0.9 percent in November. The index for meats, poultry, fish and eggs, however, continued to fall--down 0.1 percent in November--as declines in pork, poultry, and egg prices more than offset the increase in beef and veal prices. Among other grocery store food groups, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and for dairy products each rose 0.4 percent in November. The remaining two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 percent and declined 0.3 percent, respectively.

The housing component increased 0.2 percent in November, following a 0.3 percent rise in October. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent in November, the same as in October. Within shelter, renters' costs increased 0.1 percent and homeowners' costs, 0.4 percent. Maintenance and repair costs, which declined 0.2 percent in October, rose 0.8 percent in November, largely as a result of a substantial advance in prices for maintenance and repair commodities. The index for household fuels and utilities increased 0.4 percent following a rise of 0.6 percent in October. Charges for electricity declined 0.7 percent in November, following a 1.2 percent increase in October. The indexes for fuel oil and natural gas, however, continued to advance. Fuel oil prices rose 5.0 percent in November and have increased 10.6 percent in the last 4 months. The index for natural gas registered its third consecutive increase in November, advancing 1.8 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.1 percent in November.

Transportation costs rose 0.5 percent in November after declining 0.2 percent in October. The indexes for motor fuels, new vehicles, and public transportation costs, each of which declined in October, turned up in November and accounted for over three-fourths of the overall transportation advance. Despite a 1.3 percent increase in November, gasoline prices were still 16.6 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. New

vehicle costs, which declined 0.3 percent in October, rose 0.2 percent in November. (As of November, the proportion of 1992 new car models in the index was just over 50 percent.) Automobile finance charges declined for the third consecutive month, down 1.4 percent in November. The index for public transportation costs increased 1.4 percent in November, reflecting an upturn in the cost of airline fares. Despite the advance of 2.2 percent in November, airline fares were 5.2 percent lower than a year ago.

The index for apparel and upkeep advanced 1.0 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the increase was 0.2 percent.) The index for women's and girls' clothing, which generally shows price discounting in November, increased slightly prior to seasonal adjustment. The index for apparel services fell 0.1 percent.

The medical care component increased 0.5 percent in November to a level 8.0 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.4 percent. Advancing 0.5 percent in November, prescription drug prices have risen 10.1 percent over the last 12 months. The index for medical care services advanced 0.5 percent, with the cost of professional services and hospital and related services up 0.5 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs, which rose 0.2 percent in October, decreased 0.1 percent in November. Declines in the indexes for sporting goods and equipment, and for toys, hobbies, and other entertainment were partially offset by a 0.6 percent advance in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The other goods and services index advanced 0.7 percent in November, following increases of 0.5 percent in October and 0.7 percent in September. A 1.9 percent rise in the index for tobacco products accounted for nearly two-thirds of the November increase.

#### CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.5 percent in November.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Nov. '91	Unadjusted 12 mos. ended Nov. '91
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All items	.3	.2	.1	.1	.4	.1	.5	3.9	2.7
Food and beverages	.0	.4	-.5	-.2	.1	-.1	.4	2.1	2.2
Housing	.3	.1	.2	.0	.5	.3	.3	4.3	3.3
Apparel and upkeep	.2	.2	.9	1.0	-.5	-.4	.9	.0	3.9
Transportation	.7	.2	-.1	.4	.2	-.2	.6	2.6	-1.7
Medical care	.6	.6	.5	.8	.6	.6	.7	7.4	7.8
Entertainment	.0	.2	.3	.4	.8	.1	-.1	3.2	4.1
Other goods and services	.2	.9	.1	.6	1.0	.5	.9	9.8	8.2

Consumer Price Index data for December 1991 will be released on Thursday, January 16, 1992, 8:30 A.M. (EST). Release dates for the remainder of 1992 are:

Feb. 19	Aug. 13
Mar. 17	Sep. 15
Apr. 10	Oct. 15
May 13	Nov. 13
June 12	Dec. 11
July 14	Jan. 15, 1993



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#### Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

### Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

#### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

#### Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

### A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1986 through 1990 were replaced at the end of 1990. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; and for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202)504-2051.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1990	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1991 from:		Seasonally adjusted percent change from:	
		Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Nov. 1990	Oct. 1991	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category							
All items	100.000	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
All items (1982=100)	-	411.5	412.7	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.704	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Food	16.355	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Food at home	10.094	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Cereals and bakery products 1	1.420	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.164	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Dairy products 1	1.279	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.530	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Other food at home	1.116	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Sugar and sweets 1/	0.343	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Fats and oils 1/	0.271	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	0.745	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Other prepared food	1.019	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Food away from home 1/	6.094	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Alcoholic beverages 1/	1.348	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Housing	41.356	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shelter	37.657	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Renters' costs 2/	1.906	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent, residential	1.840	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other renters' costs	0.065	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Homeowners' costs 2/	3.444	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent	3.379	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household insurance 1/	0.065	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	0.065	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair services 1/	0.065	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	0.065	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel and other utilities	2.327	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuels	2.140	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel	0.520	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	1.619	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.188	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings and operation 1/	6.771	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings	2.773	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping supplies	1.168	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping services 1/	1.431	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel and upkeep	6.073	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	5.571	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men's and boys' apparel	2.495	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women's and girls' apparel	2.199	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	0.801	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Footwear	0.601	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other apparel commodities 1/	0.571	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel services	0.502	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation	17.796	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Private transportation	16.214	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
New vehicles	5.018	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
New cars	4.043	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Used cars	1.179	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Motor fuel	4.051	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Gasoline	3.842	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	1.498	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Other private transportation	4.507	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Other private transportation commodities 1/	0.688	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Other private transportation services	3.819	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Public transportation 1/	1.582	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Medical care	6.387	180.7	181.8	6.0	0.6	0.7	0.5
Medical care commodities	1.703	180.7	181.8	6.0	0.6	0.7	0.5
Medical care services	5.184	180.7	181.8	6.0	0.6	0.7	0.5
Professional medical services	1.119	180.7	181.8	6.0	0.6	0.7	0.5
Entertainment 1/	4.316	140.5	140.4	4.5	-0.1	0.7	0.1
Entertainment commodities 1/	2.016	140.5	140.4	4.5	-0.1	0.7	0.1
Entertainment services 1/	2.300	140.5	140.4	4.5	-0.1	0.7	0.1
Other goods and services	6.367	176.2	176.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7
Tobacco and smoking products	1.542	204.0	209.0	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Personal care 1/	1.194	135.1	135.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	0.634	135.1	135.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Personal care services 1/	0.559	135.1	135.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational expenses	3.631	190.7	190.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
School books and supplies	0.733	190.7	190.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational services	3.395	190.7	190.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodity and service group							
All items	100.000	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Commodities	42.847	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Food and beverages	17.704	136.5	136.6	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Commodities less food and beverages 1/	25.143	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	16.882	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Apparel commodities	5.571	134.7	134.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	11.310	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Durables	10.700	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Services	54.713	148.3	148.3	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	27.035	153.6	153.6	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	8.780	127.7	127.1	4.0	-0.5	0.4	0.4
Transportation services	6.899	132.0	132.0	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.0
Medical care services	5.184	180.7	181.8	6.0	0.6	0.7	0.5
Other services	6.815	144.2	144.2	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special indexes							
All items less food	83.612	137.7	138.0	3.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
All items less shelter	52.343	136.6	136.6	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	80.456	138.9	139.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less medical care	91.617	135.9	135.9	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food	27.099	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Nondurables less food 1/	18.600	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	12.885	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Nondurables 1/	34.587	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Services less rent of shelter 2/	27.678	127.7	127.1	4.0	-0.5	0.4	0.4
Services less medical care services	49.529	148.3	148.3	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy	8.101	130.9	130.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less energy	91.809	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
All items less food and energy	75.622	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.528	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Services less energy services	51.093	137.4	137.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar							
1982-84=1.00 1/	-	8.728	8.728	-2.9	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3
1967-81.00 1/	-	0.243	0.243	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

1982-86-100, unless otherwise noted:

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Aug. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1981	1 month ended- Mar. 1982	Aug. 1981- Mar. 1982	Nov. 1981- Mar. 1982	6 months ended- Mar. 1982	12 months ended- Mar. 1982
Expenditure category										
All items	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food at home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cereals and bakery products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dairy products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fruits and vegetables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other food at home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sugar and sweets	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fats and oils	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other prepared food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food away from home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housing	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Renters' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent, residential	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other renters' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Homeowners' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household insurance	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repair commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel and other utilities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gas, electric, and other utilities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gas, piped, and electricity	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other utilities and public services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings and operations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping supplies	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel and upkeep	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men's and boys' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women's and girls' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Footwear	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other apparel commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New vehicles	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Used cars	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor fuel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and repairs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Professional medical services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco and smoking products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational expenses	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
School books and supplies	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodity and service group										
All items	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodity	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household services less rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less homeowners' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less medical care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less food and energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food and energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less energy services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1. Not seasonally adjusted.  
2. Indexes on a December 1982-100 base.  
3. Data not available.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Prices schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Nov. 1991 from-			Percent change to Oct. 1991 from-		
			Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Nov. 1990	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	Oct. 1990	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991
U.S. city average		N	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.6	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size C - 100,000 to 500,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
North Central urban		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size C - 100,000 to 500,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
South urban		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size C - 100,000 to 500,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
West urban		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,000,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size C - 100,000 to 500,000		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Size classes												
A 3/		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
B		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
C		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
D		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Baltimore, MD		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA		N	136.2	136.8	137.0	137.2	3.0	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.4	0.1

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated.

N - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement errors. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1990	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1991 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from	
			Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Nov. 1990	Oct. 1991	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.
	All items	100.000	135.4	135.8	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.1
	All items (1982-100)	-	103.2	104.5	-	-	-	-
	Food and beverages	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Food	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Food at home	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Cereals and bakery products	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Dairy products	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Fruits and vegetables	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other food at home	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Sugar and sweets	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Fats and oils	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Nonalcoholic beverages	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Alcoholic beverages	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Food away from home	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Alcoholic beverages	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Housing	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Shelter	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Renters' costs	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Rent, residential	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other renters' costs	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Homeowners' costs	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Owner-occupied rent	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Household insurance	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Maintenance and repairs	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Maintenance and repair services	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Utilities	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Fuel and other utilities	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Fuels	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Fuel oil and other household fuel	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Utilities	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other utilities and public services	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Household furnishings and operations	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Household furnishings	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Housekeeping supplies	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Housekeeping services	29.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Apparel and upkeep	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Apparel commodities	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Men's and boys' apparel	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Women's and girls' apparel	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Footwear	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other apparel commodities	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Apparel services	6.071	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Transportation	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Private transportation	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	New vehicles	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	New cars	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Used cars	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Motor fuel	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Gasoline	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Maintenance and repairs	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other private transportation	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other private transportation commodities	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other private transportation services	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Public transportation	19.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Medical care	5.407	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Medical care commodities	5.407	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Medical care services	5.407	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Professional medical services	5.407	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Entertainment	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Entertainment commodities	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Entertainment services	3.716	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other goods and services	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Tobacco and smoking products	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Personal care	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Toilet goods and personal care appliances	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Personal care services	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Personal and educational expenses	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	School books and supplies	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Personal and educational services	6.317	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Commodity and service group	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Commodities	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Food and beverages	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Commodities less food and beverages	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Nondurables less food and beverages	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Apparel commodities	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Durables	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Services	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Rent of shelter	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Household services less rent of shelter	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Transportation services	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Medical care services	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Other services	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Special indexes	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	All items less food	80.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	All items less shelter	70.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	All items less homeowners' costs	60.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	All items less medical care	50.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Commodities less food	40.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Nondurables less food	30.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Nondurables less food and apparel	20.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Nondurables	10.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Services less rent of shelter	0.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Services less medical care services	0.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Energy	0.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	All items less energy	99.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Commodities less food and energy	89.606	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Energy commodities	20.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Services less energy services	0.394	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	1982-84=100	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	1982-84=100	100.000	136.6	136.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1952-54=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Aug 1991	Sept 1991	Oct 1991	Nov 1991	Feb 1992	3 months ended- Mar 1992	Aug 1991- Nov 1991	Nov 1991- Mar 1992	6 months ended- Mar 1992	Nov 1991- Mar 1992
Expenditure category										
All items	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Food and beverages	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Food	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Food at home	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Cereals and bakery products	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Dairy products	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Fruits and vegetables	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other food at home	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Sugar and sweets	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Fats and oils	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other prepared food	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Food away from home	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Housing	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Shelter	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Rent, residential	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other renters' costs	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Homeowners' costs	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Household insurance	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Maintenance and repairs	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Maintenance and repair services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Maintenance and repair commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Fuel and other utilities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Fuels	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Electricity	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Gas piped and electricity (energy services)	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other utilities and public services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Household furnishings and operation	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Housefurnishings	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Housekeeping supplies	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Housekeeping services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Apparel and upkeep	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Apparel commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Men's and boys' apparel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Women's and girls' apparel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Footwear	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other apparel commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Apparel services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Transportation	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Private transportation	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
New vehicles	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
New cars	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Used cars	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Motor fuel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Gasoline	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Maintenance and repairs	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other private transportation	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other private transportation commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other private transportation services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Public transportation	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Medical care	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Medical care commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Medical care services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Professional medical services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Entertainment	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Entertainment commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Entertainment services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other goods and services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Personal care	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Personal care services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Personal and educational expenses	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
School books and supplies	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Personal and educational services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Commodity and service group										
All items	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Food and beverages	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Apparel commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Durables	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Rent of shelter	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Household services less rent of shelter	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Transportation services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Medical care services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Other services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
All items less shelter	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
All items less homeowners' costs	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
All items less medical care	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Commodities less food	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Nondurables less food	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Services less rent of shelter	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Services less medical care services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Energy	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
All items less energy	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
All items less food and energy	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Commodities less food and energy	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Service commodities	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6
Services less energy services	136.5	136.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.6

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1980=100 base.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.



Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index (1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Nov. 1991 from-			Percent change to Oct. 1991 from-		
			Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Nov. 1990	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	Oct. 1990	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991
	U.S. city average .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Regions and area size 2/											
	Northeast urban .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	North Central urban .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	South urban .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	West urban .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Size classes											
	A .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	B .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	C .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	D .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Selected local areas											
	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Baltimore, MD .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Wash.-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	St. Louis-Fair St. Louis, MO-IL .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Houston-Silverton-Bradford, TX .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1
	Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	M	104.6	105.2	105.4	105.8	2.7	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	0.1

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated.

M - Every month.  
J - January, March, May, July, September, and November.  
F - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.  
Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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